

**Andrew Jackson to Amos Kendall, November 24, 1836,
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TO POSTMASTER GENERAL KENDALL.1

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Washington, November 24, 1836.

My dear Sir: After you left me this evening I have passed through my mind the subject of recommending to Congress the propriety of chartering a bank in the District of Columbia, upon real Banking principles, such as will be a model for the States. Will thank you for your views as to a Bank of deposit and exchange only, and also of a bank of deposit and exchange with the power of issuing bills, but limited as to size, that is to say, none under \$20; to report to Congress annually its whole proceedings, with the name of all its debtors, etc. Will you please between this and Monday morning next to furnish me with yr views in as concise form as you can. I think it my duty as I am leaving public life to make such a recommendation as may prove beneficial to the public, and safety of our currency, and if adopted by Congress for this district may have a great influence upon the States, and have a tendency to check the paper system and gambling mania that pervades our land, and must, if not checked, ruin our country and our liberty.

Yrs respectfully